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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT and AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 August 17, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 20, 2006, applicants elect to prosecute the claims of **species c.**, the invention drawn to measuring thin film thickness by determining measuring points. Accordingly, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.